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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tojo et al.  
Serial Number: 08/627,270  
U.S. Filing Date: April 4, 1996  
Group Art Unit: 3726  
Examiner: Percy W. Echols  
Title: "Method and Machine for Forming Protective Film  
on Sprayed Coating of Large-Sized Product"

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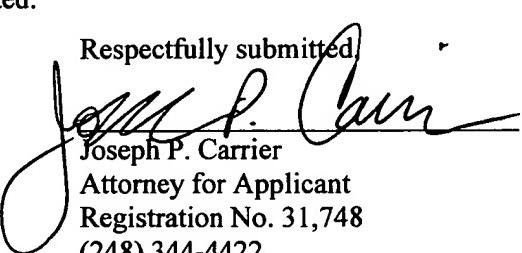
Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for a two-month extension of time in the above-identified application for responding to the Office Action dated July 02, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$400.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0744 in the name of Carrier, Blackman & Associates, P.C. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The instant Petition is being filed together with applicant's responsive Request For CPA and Preliminary Amendment.

Since the requested extension of time would not extend the total response time beyond the six-month statutory period, it is believed that this petition is in order and approval of same in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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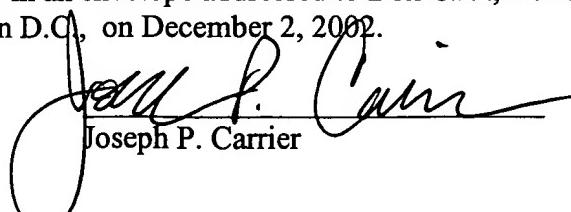
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